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AFGHAN-PAKISTANI DEVELOPMENTS

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I. Afghanistan's immediate and abrupt rejection (25 June) of Pakistan terms for settlement Kabul riot dispute (incident was 30 March) has left situation in which both sides now striving to improve respective bargaining positions.

A. Saudi Arabian and Egyptian mediators threw in sponge after Afghans rejected Pak terms, went home.

B. Pak's forthwith tightened embargo on Afghans, announced (28 June) preparations sever diplomatic relations.

C. Afghans, in turn, played trump by signing 5-year transit agreement with USSR.

1. Agreement, if put into action, would permit conduct of Afghan foreign trade despite airtight Pak blockade.

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II. However, neither side appears happy over

present stalemate ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A. Paks face serious internal political,  
economic problems; wish decks cleared  
of this sort distracting international  
squabble.

III. Pak ambassador in Kabul saw Afghan king  
(Zahir Shah) 12 July and recited "misdeeds  
of commission and omission" of Daud govern-  
ment in hope reopening situation after  
failure Saudi mediation effort.

A. Afghan king, though country pinched  
by Pak embargo, refused abandon  
Pushtoonistan propaganda but recog-  
nized it should be dignified, not  
inciting to hatred and violence.

B. Added he constitutional monarch and  
therefore unable take direct action,  
but would set forth his views to  
Daud.

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C. King most courteous and gracious and  
made no threats about turning to  
USSR, suggesting Afghan-Soviet transit  
agreement being held more as bargaining  
point than anything else.

IV. Pak government now studying ambassador's  
report.

V. Way seems open for further maneuvers  
ending in Afghan promise to curb Daud if  
Paks will agree Afghan right continue  
"dignified" propaganda.  


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